Faulconer Community Meeting re Soledad Landslide

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JO: Jill Olen Director of Public Safety

BM: Chief Bill Maheu

CM: Christine Moore, AT&T

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KF: Councilmember Kevin Faulconer

TJ: Tracy Jarman, Fire Chief

BL: Captain Boyd Long

JH: County Assessors Office

RH: Rob Hawk, Geologist

Ladies and gentleman, good morning, we are going to get started in about one KF: minute. Um, before we do, I just wanted to, um, for those who have um, ah have a question card, please pass it through the aisle and some of my staff will be around to ah, pick it up, and we'll, we'll get started here in just about forty-five seconds, thank you. (Testing, testing) Good morning everybody, I have a little bit after 9:30 and so I just want to get started. Um, first of all good morning and welcome, I'm Councilmember Kevin Faulconer, and I want to thank all of you for ah, taking time, ah, this morning to be here. Um, I called this community forum because I wanted to have neighbors and everybody the opportunity to directly ah, with City officials and to get the most up to date information. As, as, your councilmember it's very important to me in that I'm helping you with questions, with communications, and I want to thank the mayor um, for gathering everybody together here, Mayor Sanders, um, we are going to hear from everybody directly. Um, but I wanted to make a few opening comments, which is many of the neighbors here who have, who have been affected and who have been so um terrific with your outpourings, neighbors helping neighbors over the last couple of days and I just wanted to thank everybody for all your help um, your and it's just been an incredible outpouring and it's great to see. What, what this forum is going to focus on today is to try to get the most up to date information out, trying to find as to where we are right now Saturday. And also to provide you with ah, I want to make that we are collecting contact numbers everybody for all your help um, your and its just been an incredible outpouring and it's great to see. What, what this forum is going to focus on today is to try to get the most up to date information out, trying to figure where we are as of right now on Saturday. And also to provide you with ah, I want to make sure that we are collecting contact names and numbers as well. And up in the front we have some of

our folks of either the red-tagged or yellow-tagged houses. Um, we've got some of your cell phone and contact numbers but I want to make sure before you leave and at the conclusion that you interact with some of my staff, and all my staff from district two is here today and will be in the corner. I want to be sure that we get cell phones um and contact information for the best that we have right now. Um, we're going to get updates. I'm going to turn it over to the Mayor here for a second, and we are going to get a chance to um, hear from our folks as in terms as to what is the latest information, but have um, and we have passed out question cards and my staff is going to get them and try to pick out the top five questions that everybody has on their minds and I want to you know make sure we cover those um, and I want to before we conclude what we haven't covered we want to give folks to ah, ask those questions directly. So thank you all again for coming and I want to say for those neighbors that been out here that have been affected, our thoughts are with you and our hearts are with you and what's important now is to move forward as quickly as possible and to get you what you need and answers the questions that you need but before I turn it over to the Mayor I just wanted to thank again publicly, it's been a long couple of days, but I just want to thank publicly our emergency responders, our police, the men and women of the police and fire department, you guys have done a terrific job and this community is very, very appreciative of everything that you have done. So let's get right into the updates, I know that the Mayor is going to be out with some of federals officials up on sites right after 10:30, so Mr. Mayor, thank you once again for all that you are doing, so my pleasure to turn it over to the Mayor, um, Mayor Jerry Sanders.

JS: I, ah, thank you, thank you, first of all I want to express my sympathy, I wanted to express my apologies to ah, families that have been dislocated or can't get back into their homes, we are have tried to work as quickly as we can to get those that can back into their homes and those who can't, to get their belongings, for those homes that are uninhabitable and start clearing more houses that we can. I also know that this is a time of great anxiety for all of you that lived in that area and what we want to do is to make sure that we give you as much information that we possibly can on what is the processes are for moving forward. Let me just tell you that where I am at from my perspective and you are going to have a different perspective because you have been affected by it, so I

completely understand, ah we have sealed back the rescue, the fire presence, the police are there to protect your belongings to keep people out of your houses for those of you who can't be there and to keep people out of your houses and out of your neighborhood as much as we can and we will continue to do that. I talked to the Department of Transportation and to Secretary Peters yesterday, along with Congressman Bilbray yesterday, and we talked um, at least for the road repair, there is a federal emergency ah, pot of money that be can accessed to fix that roadway as long as we meet the criteria ah, we'll be working with Caltrans and the local offices of Department of Transportation to see how we fit that criteria, we believe we fit that criteria, um the Secretary of the Department of Transportation felt we fit the criteria and we would be eligible for one hundred percent of the of repairs that happens within the first one hundred eighty days, after that it would be about an eighty percent match. We would obliviously we would have to pay that out of city funds and be reimbursed at a later time by the federal government. Ah, they have forwarded all of the information to their California office who will work with Caltrans, who we are working with also, ah so that we can get those road repairs done and move forward more quickly. Ah yesterday, ah our office along with Councilmember Faulkner took state and disaster officials up to the site, to show them the site, to show them the breathe of it, to show them how much damage there was, to show them the homes, also to show them the roadway, and all of the rest of it. That's the second step towards getting federal aid and the first step was when we declared it a disaster area on Thursday morning at a special Council meeting. As soon as we declared it a disaster area, then we sent it to the state, ah the county, the county forwarded it to the state and it was there by four o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, so the state sent their investigators out yesterday morning, first thing, ah, they have been around the mountain now and combed the area and we've given them some preliminary estimates now, we don't really have a good idea about what it is going to cost yet. We don't really have a good idea what's it's going to cost for in terms to the housing, ah what are the damages, ah we don't have an idea it's going to cost ah, for the roadway, so we are putting in some estimates and to get that going to the federal government. Ah the governor said that he would act on this on Tuesday, ah I'll be making calls to him on next week to ah, hopefully have him declare this a disaster area so that we can forward it to FEMA and the

federal government so we can get government help out here to any of you who have suffered damages to your homes. We have also hired a ah, firm ah, to go out and start planning how we stabilize the area, how we rebuild the roadway and how we stabilize that entire slide area, so that we do that in a way doesn't cause more damage as we do that, now that is not a short process. That's probably going to a several weeks for them to determine how the movement is going or how you stop the movement and then how you repair it in such a way that the fix lasts for a long term. The other firm that we hired is a forensic firm and they are looking back to and they are the ones are drilling some of the holes right now to see along with the others to determine how it occurred, why it occurred, what the causes of it were ah, so that they can report that back. And that's part of the investigation that I think is critically important as we move forward. We need to know what caused the slide. We need to know how it was caused and we need a time line as to when the events were. So that's where we are working putting together now. We will be working with the Forensic firm, the Forensic firm will probably, ah, in as late as late night, I'll ask someone else to address this. We will be working with the individual attorneys on that have been hired by any of you, so that information is shared, ah so that the other attorneys can actually view what's going on so they can view, so they can verify this investigation, and I think that's important also. Those are the things that we are working on right now. Ah, I would ask that, or turn this back over to Public Safety or Councilman Faulkner but I'm here to listen to your concerns today, I'm hear to listen to whatever it is you want to tell me, but I'm going to rely on an investigation being done before I start um saying, um, saying definitive things that, I don't want to get out there on a limb now and then find out it went one way and the other way, I don't think that benefits any of us, so, we will be listening, we want to know how to, how to access each of you so that we can give either daily updates, or bi-weekly updates, weekly updates, so that you know exactly know what is going on in the quickest possible manner.

KF: Thank you and we'll get some updates and then we'll go to the ah, ah, cards, and questions as well. Ah Jill did you want to make a few comments, real quick and that microphone should work good, thank you.

JO: Good morning, my name is Jill Olen, and I am the Director of Public Safety and currently I am the incident Commander up at the La Jolla Landslide and my sympathies

go out to everyone as well. It, it is a tragedy, especially when it affects people in their homes and their pets and their livelihood, and, and my sympathies along with the entire City Council and the Mayor's office is with you. Um, what I wanted to tell where we are right now is where we have moved, as the Mayor has indicated to you, we have moved from the response, an emergency response situation to a recovery and, and, that is evident with all the equipment that has been moved out. What that means is that we are no longer in, in the process of searching for bodies, we know that there are not none, that their were no lives loss which is very fortunate, in an incident like that. We are in the process of recovery; we are in the process of healing. In the process in determining what it is what we need to do to get you back into your homes and back into lives, back into your daily lives. Now the most important thing for us to remember and I know it is hard when you are trying to get back into your homes is the most important thing to remember is that our ultimate concern is your safety. And although it may seem that uh, that the process is slow, and I know it seem very slow to you. What is the ultimate concern is your safety, when can we get you into your homes, either to retrieve your valuables or to, to check out what is, what damage has been done, or ultimately to get into your homes. The ultimate uh, purpose, the deliberate purpose is to get the structural engineers and to get our safety personnel in there to make sure that it is absolutely safe for you. And so we are developing ah, going through, we have been working hour and hour to make sure that process is make sure that process is absolutely right because your safety is really number one concern. We've got, ah, information lines, Captain Boyd Long, from the Police Department will be able to give you more details, ah more, ah when the microphone gets down to him. I can't emphasis enough that we need have your contact information so we can get his information out to you, it's moving very rapidly and we want to be able to keep, be in contact with you so that we can get that information to you so you can make decisions as rapidly as possible. So with that, let me pass it back.

KF: Thank you Jill, yeah and at that let me introduce our Fire Chief, Tracy Jarman and Jeff Carl as well, Chief thank you for being here.

TJ: Can you hear me okay? There we go. The Fire Rescue front land, I don't know, I don't know what to say. Um, we've been up there with you. We've seen the situation, um; right now we still have seven homes that are red tagged. Twenty-one that are yellow

tagged. But we were able to at least clear eighty-three homes and get you back in as quickly as we could. We have a presence up there and we will have a presence there till Monday. We are transitioning from the emergency response mode trying to clear your neighborhood up there and get our people back into their stations. And scale that back down as move basically to a public works project. The homes, the twenty-one homes, the utilities that are issued there, particularly the sewer lines, Public Works will speak on that issue. So we are still working around the clock, trying to get you back into your homes, up there. Um, emergency response is our greatest concern. Obviously Mt. Soledad is major response vehicle for us as much as it is a transportation corridor for all of you, so we adjusted all of our response plans an already been able to take care of your needs and we still have fire and medical aids up in the area, so we will be happy to answer any questions, as well.

KF: I thank you Chief and now I will pass it over to um, our Police Department for a quick update ah, Assistant Chief Bill Maheu and our Northern Division Captain ah, who I think virtually everybody has seen, ah, out there for the last ah, couple of days and all throughout the beach area, Captain Boyd Long. But let me introduce ah, Chief Bill Mahu. Chief?

BM: Thank you Councilman, I'm going to quickly turn this over to Captain Boyd Long. Ah, Chief Landsdowne happens to be in New York on a violent crime summit and he's sorry he can't be here, but sends his condolescenes to those of you who are affected by this, I'm his representative, I've been there, ah, throughout the incident, but Boyd as you know is your representative for this division has been there each and hour there each and every hour that I've been there and many, many more so. He has all the details of what we are doing and our response, but as most of you know, we were there from the very beginning and we will be there throughout this event and make sure your homes are safe and your property has been protected.

BL: Thank you Chief. The men and women of the San Diego Police are firm in letting you know are committed to making sure your community remains safe. On Wednesday morning, officers from the San Diego Police Department responded up to the landslide incident, we met with Fire and together we worked in a collaborative effort to make this community safe. Our police officers from this division went house to house, in the

impacted area and we asked the people to evaluate. We evaluated one hundred and eleven homes that morning. As I stand before you to say thank you, on behalf of all the men and women at Northern Division, for your cooperation. I know for a fact it was a traumatic event and we don't take that lightly. Our officers, traffic controllers, and volunteers continue to be on that site and we will continue to be there on a twenty-four hour basis indefinitely until we can either work a way to get you back in your houses, or mitigate the problem. We're there also to assist returning residents for those houses that have been deemed yellow tagged. We set up a process in order for you to either go to the site or to make a phone call to determine the the status is of your home. If you have a need to access your yellow tagged home, we've established a walk up check in location there in the fifty-six hundred block of Soledad Mountain Road. All we ask is that you have some form of identification so we know it's your house. And if your house is yellow tagged, we will make every attempt to get you in your house and get need ah, needed items out there such as valuables or medical, medication or anything that you deem that you need to have, ah, to sustain yourself away yourself away from your home. Residents who continue to be displaced, may call the San Diego Police Department's non-emergency line which is 531-2000. That's area code 619. The CAP'S line has been taken down right now because the calls for service on that line have been greatly reduced. Why I want you to call 531-2000 is because I want to give you the most updated information possible, so I want you to know what the process is going to be. That communications dispatcher will find one of us on that scene, we will coordinate with the Incident Commander Jill Olen, the Director of Public Safety, and we will get the most up updated information to you and we will be on that phone calling you back to provide you with that information. I believe that the most important thing for us right now is to make sure we give you good, timely, critical information on how we can get you back in your homes. Before I conclude my portion as said, I'd like to remind all of you that, that fifty-seven hundred block of Soledad Mountain Road, will be closed in both directions as you know for an extended period of time. Therefore that alternate route will be Soledad Road. I'm also I'm also cognitive to the fact we have really backed up Barrel Street by that. So I working closely with Traffic Division, with Special Events Traffic Control to see how we can mini-cate that and lighten the traffic load on Barrel Street for you. I'd also like to end my portion of

this by telling each of you how glad I am that you are okay. Cause that's the most important thing. The mission of our San Diego Police Department is to protect and serve and that's exactly what we are going to do for you.

Thank you Captain, um, I'm just going to introduce the others, I won't have them speak unless there's specific questions but Steve Schuster from the Red Cross is here, Steve, I just wanted to thank you for all of it that you did on scene immediately um, with the, the, food, which, which is terrific. To, to, to have you, have that resource available in case some folks needed it, so thank you for being here, um, Steve will be here to answer some questions as well, thank you Steve. Um, I did want to a, a few other folks who are here today, um, from the County Assessor's office, Joanne Howard, is, is joining us and, ah, Joanne, welcome and then maybe you can ah, give us some information because I know we have some questions and on some on the cards too. Thank you Councilman Faulkner. Good morning, I was a victim of the Cuyamaca JH: Wildfires almost four years ago, this month, so I personally understand some of what you are going through. Our office knows, the San Diego County Assessors office, that you have more important things going on right now, than to deal with property assessment and taxes. Our intent is to provide information to you, this morning we have forms available to apply for a calamity relief. They are at the front table and I have a few forms here also. I'd just like to note a few comments; our intent of the office is to mail out these applications to the addresses provided by the San Diego Fire and Rescue Department. You have basically as a home owner twelve months to file this calamity from the date of the event which would have been October 3rd, of 2007. Any homeowners who suffered damages of ten thousands dollars or greater are qualified to file for this calamity. We do have a website, its www.SDARCC.com; it's also listed on the bottom of this brochure. Our office number should you have questions when you are ready, um, for this information is 858-505-6262. The tax forms for the regular bills are scheduled to go out in two weeks. We want to encourage to please fill this application form by the end of this month. Our office is expediting this process to make corrections. If you can possibly get them in a couple of weeks, that would be good but by the end of the month of October then you won't have to deal with that issue. And lastly on this form the calamity form, we know there is a lot of information that you don't have because you are dealing with the

insurance companies, etc., what we need is everything filled out in the first three lines, your name, your mailing address, your property address, the date the damage occurred, to fill out the bottom with your signature and your home and work phone numbers and the date. On the first line here of the calamity form, just list house and the reason for loss is landslide and we will work with you to identify all the rest of the information. So again, please try to fill this out by the end of the month. But you have one year to file and we have our websites and the phone numbers available to assist you. Thank you Councilman Faulkner.

KF: Thank you very, ah, we have a couple of tax questions that ah we will get to in a second probably as well. Um, I want to introduce ah, Christine Moore, who is here from ATT, Christine thank you for being here at this ah, are their introductory comments that you want to make?

Thank you and good morning. My name is Christine Moore, I am director of CM: external affairs for ATT and I am just here to give you update on our response to the situation and some emergency services we offering for the residents who are impacted by the incident. Um, first of all we have had our crews on the scene since shortly after the incident occurred. Although our phone lines were on the ground, um, it's my understanding services were never, service was never interrupted. Um, I understand that's probably of little comfort to those of you who can't get back into your homes right now, ah, with that in mind, for those of you who are ATT customers we are offering um, if you don't mind I will go over that real quick. Summary of the services we will be offering. Um, we actually setting up to wave the um, one time charge which is a recurring monthly charges for the following services for those of you um, are not able to access your phones, um, we're offering um, a new access line and installation, either temporary or a new service. Um, for the location of you're choosing for those of you who are displaced for how ever long you will be out of your homes. Um, we are offering call forwarding services, which allows you to have people call into your existing home number and have that number forwarded to whichever number you would choose, so they will be on the um, outside for caller, it will be as simple as forwarding of that number. So you are able to calls on your home phone to wherever you would like them to go. Um and finally we are offering with no charge to the messaging center for those of you who can't get to your answering machines, um you can access your messages remotely. Starting Monday morning at 7:00 a.m., we will have a phone number that you can call and leave a message for same day callback. Um, I have some information with me on how to use these calls and services that we are offering. We are offering these for a period of thirty days. At the end of thirty days we will re-access the situation and determine if this service is still is still needed. Um, I have also provided my cell phone number on these cards. If you are planning me, the number on Monday morning, I would also ask that you call me, so that I can make sure internally that your, your concerns are addressed. So thank you for giving us the opportunity for being doing service with you. We've been in close contact with Mayor Sander's office and Councilman Faulkner's office, and ah, I will be here after the meeting if anyone would like to speak to me regarding their services.

KF: Chris, Christine, thank you very much. And lastly I would like to turn it over to um, Neil Boll, who is Manager of Construction Operations for ah, for SDGE. Neil, I wanted to thank you again as well for all of your crews that were out there um, overnight, the next day, SDGE um, had just really great response to this and everybody who was outside their house and ah, getting that power restored was one, our most important first priorities. And I wanted to thank you again for getting all the resources that the company did, it was desperately needed, so thank you. Ah, will you give us an update took from your prospective?

NB: Sure, um, yeah, first of all we, we, um, I'd like express you know my personal concern and ah, sympathy for all those that were impacted and ah, um, with that, um, for anyone that's here that has any questions on to restore their electric or gas service, please free to see me after the meeting. Um, also I'd like to just give an update for the number that you would normally call um, which is 1-800-411-SDGE, um, we have made arrangements ah, to when the customer representative ah, receives your call, ah to look in your account and we've made arrangements to expedite any restoration of service. So if ah, if you have any questions, ah, please see me or call the SDGE 1-800 number. Thank you.

KF: Neil, thank you. Um, let me get to some of the written questions we've tried to group them in order so we can get some of the top priorities and then um, once we go through the top numbers ah, we will turn it over for individual questions as well. Um,

these only focus on traffic so let me, this will be probably be to you Captain, um let me just read them, let me go through them. "Why is traffic restricted on Desert View as a temporary um, there is a weight restriction, if you can make enough to talk about the weight restriction and what that is going to be?" We want to thumb through these real quick, so we can get them all out. Um, "Do construction permits not put a share of risk and liability on the city?" Okay, this is not a traffic one, "Are we", um, this is not one either, ah, so far (unintelligible).

BL: You all have seen the signs as you come up Soledad Mountain Road, at the end of the road is a sign is a ah, road closed ahead sign. We are going to keep those signs in place. We're going to discourage people from coming up that street. What I don't want to make is Desert View the thorough fare for people to come up Soledad Road. [applause] So I am going to keep all the traffic control devices in place. However, I will open Desert View up to traffic to go around, but I am going to restrict traffic coming up that hill to local traffic only that live in that impacted area. As for truck restrictions, we are not letting large trucks ah, use Desert View because of the weight of those trucks, I don't want to cause any other damage or potential to that landslide until engineering gets in their and actually makes a determination what can and can't travel over that road. So at this point, regular and normal vehicles only and we're going to continue to restrict access and keep signs in place on Soledad Road. Should I answer some questions now or wait until we end?

KF: Why don't go through a couple of these, we'll go through them and then we'll go individual. There was a question of we need a sign entrance to Desert View Alley to restrict traffic to the residents only. So we don't have folks coming on that, Captain.

BL: Um, will you guys catch that in the back for me? Restricted access sign at Desert View Alley. And we will continue to have a police officer assigned down there cause I'm concerned for those houses that are behind the slide. As well as the ones that are vacated, so a police officer will be down there to provide security.

KF: This is probably a question for you Jill. Um, we were talking about this a lot yesterday in terms of access for the ah, yellow tagged homes on the evens, on the other side, um, one of the questions of course is, "When can residents get back in there and if

there's a delay can a safe staircase be built either from Poplar to Lowell that would, that would help the residents get to their homes?

JO: Well these are issues that we were looking at and we'll working with all of the, with Police and Fire, and the geology, the everything, there's a lot more to it than just unfortunately, than just going in and accessing the houses. It's very complicated, because of the safety issues involved. And so these are the things that we are really working on which is why we need to have all of your information so that we can contact you immediately as soon as we have any information as far as getting into your homes.

KF: Okay, there's several questions were, were, focused on that, on the ah, on the yellow tagged homes and ah, and access and I want to remind folks to make sure when we are done, that we get your cell phone numbers, everybody who is in a yellow or red tagged home because once a decision is made about any of that we want to be able to call you directly on that cell phone once a decision is made what's ah, what's going to happen. Um, question, ah, probably Jill, on the general questions, I will just turn to you. Um, are we safe from any more sliding and what can we do about any more potential sliding?

JO: Let me have Rob Hawk who is the City geologist address that.

RH: right now we're looking into that on a constant basis. The slide is pretty well defined, we're trying to make sure we don't reactivate anything and move it further down the hill so before we do any further work in there we're analyzing the geology as we speak. And we should, I think we can limit it to where it is today.

KF: Will disaster area designation change the status of homes for occupation. Is it safe for children, fumes, construction machines, I thank you folks for putting your name and phone numbers on

Starting at 39.35 to be added to the end of Pat Brown's transcription.

Captain: You know, I appreciate you bringing that to our attention because we're working diligently to reporters off private property. Then they come through that checkpoint like everyone else, we give them the set of rules and regulation that they can

only be on public property. They are not allowed on your private property and part of our

police officer's job is to keep them off your property.

KF: A lot of questions about the access and the updates so I think we've covered some of

those but one of the questions is in terms of email, can we get email, Jill, in terms of that,

are we collecting them? I think the answer is yes we are collecting emails up there as well

and so before you leave today, give us your email. Also, I wanted to let you know of

course, my team is helping to interact with all these different departments, always call us.

I don't think I forgot to give out our phone number in the beginning. The council office

phone number is 619-236-6622. All of my team is helping and will continue to be

involved. We're all here today, would you raise your hands. We have Tom Curtis, Jamie,

as you know Steven McNally is my chief of staff, Jim Watson's here and Matt, Nick in

the back, Stacey, I'm probably forgetting somebody, Tanya, thanks, for thanks for being

ready to be here, guys, thank you.

[Applaud by audience]

KF: A lot of issues on access on Desert View, I think we've covered some of those and

I'll get to some specifics here, I just want to make sure Captain, oh, we did have a couple

of questions regarding the safety of drinking water. Ah, Rich, is that a question you can,

has the drinking water been tested to make sure that that's safe.

Rich: Definitely, the drinking water out of the tap is safe, just as before the slide.

[Audience laughing]

KF: Thank you, Rich

[more audience laughter]

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KF: Couple questions, should I keep my homeowners insurance current on destroyed property regarding for liability issues? There's another question regarding tax value. We read there may be tax relief but if there is \$10,000 impact is that actual damage or appraised value? Need some additional information on tax relief and any federal funding issues, so maybe you want to talk. Okay, anything else on tax issues you wanted to talk about at this point?

[female] I would like to add that on our website there is a banner specifically for the landslide and some frequently asked questions and answers are there. Related to the cost of damages of \$10,000 or more whether that's appraised or real, that will be a result of documentation submitted to our office from your insurance companies and by looking at market value. So rather than getting to that methodology this morning, we want to encourage you to file that application, that calamity application.

[Female audience] You've spoken about those who have damage but there are 5, 10, 15, that are not damaged enough to fill out federal [inaudible] and those homeowners [inaudible]

Female: We will be reviewing the properties that have not suffered damage specifically to that roll property. Under the review of Proposition 8 as a mean date of 1/1/2008 so if the market value of your property has been impacted to be lesser than the roll value we will be making adjustments and our office will be proactive in contacting residences outside of the immediate area. So if you would like to leave me your number, your name and address and some contact information this morning.

[Female audience] I asked that question specifically

Female: Absolutely, the number that I gave you earlier ...

[audience inaudible]

Female: Okay, the question is if your house was not directly damaged to be suffering a loss in value of \$10,000 or more, will there be any relief for your property for assessment related to property taxes, is that correct?

[Female audience]: Correct, especially the homes that will not be able to be occupied [inaudible]. So the house is fine but you can't live in it. You just can't get into it.

Female: right, I think the best thing to do is to contact our office number that I, I can repeat that again for you 858-505-6262 because we will be looking at market value of the property and if there is an interim point in time that you're not allowed access but your property value remains then that really would not be an issue but if there is a difference in that value, absolutely. Yes, sir.

[male audience inaudible]

KF: Let me repeat the question. The question was when will homeowners's geologists be able to access the property? Rich, come up please.

Rich: Again, working with the incident commander, Jill Owen, to make sure that the access is safe, they can work with our geologist if they want to come out and view the area, we'll escort them around, we'll let them take a look at whatever they want to look at. The only thing we would ask is that they have a letter and present that at the entrance to the site security so, stating that they represent you. We just can't have anybody showing up despite what was produced that we denied access to someone, we're not hiding anything. If you have your own geologist, you know separate form any attorney, whatever that you want to have come out and look at the site, our geologist will escort them around, let them see whatever they want to see, again assuming it's safe, and we're not trying to hide anything. We want I'm sorry, go ahead

[Audience inaudible]

rich: What I would ask them to do is bring a letter out saying on their, I'm sorry ..., on their letterhead stating I represent Mrs. Smith at 5672 Soledad Road. I'm authorized by them to access the site, blah, blah, blah... and bring it up to the site, present it at the check-in point and then we'll make arrangements. The only thing we would ask is that we escort them. The thing we want them to do is, at all cost, preserve the site so that it's well documented. We're taking great pains to document the site and in terms as the Mayor said, where we've hired one geologist to look ahead at how we fix the problem, a separate geologist, Ninyo and Moore, to do the forensic geology to find out what caused it.

KF: Some follow-up questions, yes, ma'am, 1 and then 2, go ahead ma'am.

[female audience inaudible]

KF: The question for those that are, for those houses that are red tagged, what does, can they get in to get valuables and retrieve valuables? Will that be able to occur? And Jill, that's probably a you question and a fire chief question.

Jill: We are going to make every effort to allow people in the red tagged homes to get in and to get what they need and their valuables. It's very important for us to know that you can get in there and get those things we understand this is a terrible trauma. We cannot guarantee that, it depends on the safety and structural condition but we're making every effort to make sure that somebody gets in there and gets your [inaudible] for you.

KF: Let me say, and Chief maybe you ..

Male: If I could, first of all there will be nothing bulldozed. We want to make sure you get in and get what you need out of there and we'll do that as expeditiously as we can and obviously we are going to be looking at safety but we want to get you into your houses so you can get what you need. And that's what we're working on in terms of those being red

tagged and the yellow tags, we'll get you in right away. So that's been one of our biggest focus areas because we know you need the stuff in your house. So nothing will be done with your property until you re fully informed that everything is out of there that we can get out of there.

KF: Follow-up question on that from some the red tagged ... yes, sir

[Male audience inaudible]

KF: The question for those who couldn't hear. Another gentleman in a red tagged house, is there, what is the process to try and do that as quickly as possible to allow limited entry access and retrieval. Particularly, if the gentleman was concerned if another slide occurred. Chief, can you ...

Male: Let me tell you what. Well, if you have a structural engineer that's look at that and has made that determination then we'll put them together with our engineer and they can go out with you and actually take a look at that right then. So we'll try to get that done very quickly.

[male audience inaudible]

Male: Ah, you know I don't know what the answer is to that, but we'll try to do that today and if you'll talk with Mr. Voss at the very end right after this, we'll work as hard as we can to get you into your house today. Chief, did you want to talk about red tag issues?

Chief: If the structural engineers both agree that it's safe, we'll support you getting in there. My concern is that there is a slide issue and then there's the structural integrity of your house so if I get you inside and the house starts to do something else, that's my concern. So we'll work together but if everybody can agree that it's structurally safe, I under ... your kids appreciate you need to do everything you can to get what's valuable in there and try to get back to some state of normalcy out there.

KF: We'll probably follow-up with a couple questions on red tag issues, yes, ma'am.

[Female audience inaudible]

KF: Question is on traffic on Desert View and access, Captain.

Captain: It is our goal to keep officers to there for an indefinite period of time because I do want to restrict the access down there to local traffic only so if that is not the case that is happening today, it will be changed immediately.

[Female audience inaudible]

Captain: Residence only is what I mean by local traffic. If you have a reason to go into that area as a resident, we should be allowing the cars down there.

[Male audience inaudible]

KF: I will assure you this, we will work closely with the engineers unless that dump truck that I know has been going by is associated with this site and is part of that engineering process in bringing equipment from one site to the other and what I want to say is I am relying on the engineers to tell me that truck is safe to go through there and if the engineers re directing them to do that then we're going head and letting that vehicle go through. What we are restricting is any other types of vehicles, heavy equipment or anything. I'm not sure how long that excavating has been down there

All day

Okay, (inaudible)

And that's stuff I will make sure engineering knows that and I'll work closer with them to determine whether or not those trucks should be allowed down there but at this point the only large trucks that are going down there are ones at the request of engineering.

Actually, I actually spoke with three sets of engineers yesterday about that excavator and none of them had any concern about it being parked there, the additional weight is minimal compared to the size of the area, so that is not a problem. We are trying to keep trucks especially moving fast across that road.

[inaudible]

that is a separate issue and we can look at addressing that.

And I think what I'm hearing, what I'm hearing is that if it doesn't need to be parked there we ought to park it somewhere else, okay?, okay. Sir in the green, you've been patient, I'm sorry, I didn't see you behind there, go ahead

[gentleman in audience speaking but inaudible]

Can you repeat the question, sir, I'm sorry ... about water and sandbagging?

[again, gentleman in audience speaking but inaudible]

Surface water drainage goes through your house, and what's your address again sir?

5869 Desert View Drive, yeah sand bag it, okay.

[again, gentleman in audience speaking but inaudible]

Okay, did we get that address Rich, okay, thank you. He'll be up on your site and go to that

[again, gentleman in audience speaking but inaudible]

Okay, gentleman also, Rich, has a sewage smell that he would like, when you go up to his residence today he also has a sewage smell issue that he'd like you and somebody to address and go and address that as well today.

[again, gentleman in audience speaking but inaudible]

5869 ... and 5886 same issues, okay, thank you. Yes ma'am.

[woman in audience speaking but inaudible]

okay, several ... several folks on Soledad Mountain Road also spell it before the event.

[woman in audience speaking but inaudible]

Clear up to 6075, thank you ma'am. Other, yes ma'am, go ahead

[woman in audience speaking but inaudible]

The question is for those residence that live close to the hole, with all the construction that's going to be around fumes, etc., with children, is it safe to actually live there while all of this is going to go on with environmental impacts and health impacts that we need to be concerned about.

Female: If you have utilities and is structurally sound, it's a personal decision that's safe to be there, obviously with small children and all the work that's going on to try and restore, that's going to be a concern, but its perfectly safe to be there. You're going to have to keep an eye on the kids and that sort of thing, but once it's been cleared it's okay to be there.

Thank you chief. If you have a silver Toyota Prius, could you move it, please? Some of the folks are trying to get out of the driveway. Mr. Mayor, go ahead.

We have got everybody here that can answer questions, can go out and work with you, we'll work with you all the way through this and if we don't have those people here, then we'll get the people here. Steven Lew from my office is here and he can coordinate in the Mayor's office for anything you need but that means coordinating all the rest of the City's workforce and we'll be up there doing that. I'm going to be taking congressman Bilbray up there right now so that we can try to slide the federal side through so he can go back and speak knowledgably about that, but we are here to work with you on each of these issues as we move forward and soon as we have the investigation completed, we'll put the information out.

Thank you Mr. Mayor. Some other public questions folks, yes sir

[again, gentleman in audience speaking but inaudible]

The question was is there a dollar estimate that has been filed in terms of the cost of this for Homeland Security? Donna.

Donna: the City submitted an estimate of \$26M for the public infrastructure and then we submitted another estimate for \$22M for individual homes.

Thank you sir. Duke, get somebody else to come back here, yes ma'am.

[audience speaking but inaudible]

Oh, thank you, good question. The question is the houses on Desert View that are not accessible, is there any way to get sanitation out of there, trash, stuff from their refrigerator, how can we deal with that today, yes sir, Chief

We're talking about those, excuse me, we're talking about those six homes that are on the south side of Desert View. We're going to do our best this afternoon to try and get some people in there to take care of those immediate sanitation needs. Obviously we're not going to be able to move your refrigerator itself out, but we can get there.

[audience speaking but inaudible]

We can put it into something and get it out of there and we'll work with you to be able to get you in there and get you out of there. We are, we're trying to find at this point trying to find a homeowner who has the one access from lower Desert View up into those homes right now.

[audience speaking but inaudible]

Right, the one right next to you who is out of town right now.

[audience speaking but inaudible]

Why don't when we conclude, let's get together and let's solve this one today because that needs to be solved today so, and your point is very valid, sir. Yes sir,

[audience speaking but inaudible]

Which Monday is trash pick-up day?

[audience speaking but inaudible]

Is there a smaller truck Rich that can be brought in? Okay, okay, and this lady said there is a smaller truck that they were told that could come in and do that, so the concern is

obviously on the weight of the trucks on the one ton of it which is why we're going to get back to that skiploader. Yes sir,

[audience speaking but inaudible]

Which block, 5700 block ...

[audience speaking but inaudible]

The 5700 block of Soledad as well for the folks that are right on the other side of the hole, how are they going to get their trash collected?

[male speaker speaking but inaudible]

They're going to need some help with getting it down the sidewalk and we've got to have a space designated which ... okay, let's do that because we going to have, we're going to need a space designated so we can line up all the cans and then you know where to send the truck and is it going to be Tuesday or Monday? Monday, Monday's a holiday, not for trash pick-up. Monday, it's coming Monday, so rich we need to solve that today. I know, I did want to make sure while all the folks were here we get some time for some individual questions, one on one particularly red and yellow tagged folks but I want to make sure we got you know, the burning questions, yes ma'am, and then back down here and then we'll rap it up.

[female audience speaking but inaudible]

Concerned about people that don't live n the neighborhood coming in and walking through on Desert View. Walking by yellow tagged properties and concerned about safety.

[female audience speaking but inaudible]

and people coming from back up from Mount La Jolla either lookiloos or jumping over your fence is that what you said sir?

[several audience speaking but inaudible]

Several people walking ...

[male audience speaking but inaudible]

Police presence on the back side is very fair, okay good point. Okay ... concerned about the security, a lot of questions about security, people coming through houses on the backside, Captain.

I do appreciate you bringing these things, these points forward and it is valued and we know that some people are trying to get through there. We're discouraging people from coming up there. Every time we get in front of the media we ask them to make sure they broadcast this is not an option for people to come look at this disaster. These are people who are trying to recover.

[female audience speaking but inaudible]

Well,

[female audience speaking but inaudible]

Well, I can tell you, I'm going to answer first your questions and then I'm going to take any additional questions, but as I sit here and thought about the check through process for the traffic, we actually have another officer at Pacifica which is south of that point.

There's a, not a police officer but a traffic control officer.

[female audience speaking but inaudible]

Okay, I am going to follow up with that today. What I do have is an officer assigned out there on a 24 hour basis and what I'll do is go out there today right after this meeting and find out if we need to add additional police officers. My goal is to make your community safe. I do not want looters in your neighborhood. I will not accept that.

[female audience speaking but inaudible]

Well. I'm going to check into that today, if that's the case, we're going to stop that.

One of the questions that came up was the ability to, at least on a temporary basis, is to have residence stickers, would that make your job easier, Captain?

[female audience speaking but inaudible]

Residence stickers and for visitors, huh?

[audience speaking but inaudible]

I think, I think, we have a lot of questions on access and so what the Captain has just said is that maybe a drivers license to check, maybe it won't work, maybe a sticker or a placard, would a placard be easier to put in, hum, that's a thought, what do we think about that Gus?

[female audience speaking but inaudible]

so the questions besides are people in our own individual cars, if we have our parents coming that are going to help us with something or child care, okay, and I want to address that and that's one of things why you may see additional people because we are trying our very best to be reasonable. We are not standing in front of someone who says

they live there and we say show us proof, and they say well I don't have it with me because the information is at the house. I want my cops to be reasonable on who they're letting through and so if someone comes and says I'm visiting someone in that house, we're not going to make a big questions out of it, so I'm trying to make your neighborhood as normal as possible. I don't want a police state out there but I also don't want someone burglarizing your house when you're not there so I am challenging my officers to question people who come through there why they're there, who they are, who they're there to visit if they're visiting someone so we have that information. Our checking process up top other than vehicular traffic we are actually stopping pedestrians and identifying those people who walk into that area there at 5600 Soledad Road. You brought some very valuable points to me that immediately when I leave there I'm going to go up and solve some of those loose ends.

[audience speaking but inaudible]

Question is placards or stickers, is that something we can do maybe bright orange or red. What do we think the advisability of that? Okay, the Captain will ...

And the question is do you want me to stop and at least find out that you are a resident there or would you rather have a placard on your car and we just wave you through? I mean that's what I'm asking you because in my mind I think I would rather know whose coming into your neighborhood, so I'd rather keep that presence there and not just wave a placard through. But we'll work today, we'll work with the incident commander up there and we'll develop some sort of placard system and then we'll actually get them out to your neighborhood and we'll come down to you. Okay?

KF: Thank you for that response. In the back, yes, you've been very patient, go ahead.

Female: I live at the beginning of the alley and there's still tons of like bicyclists and people walking through our alley that we don't know and their climbing our hillside, their

coming up our backyard so, I mean there's cops there, like in the morning but then they leave and then everyone starts coming through like it's a free for all, so

KF: And where do you live, ma'am.

Female: In the very, very beginning of the alley, 5970. I mean there's cops there for part of the day but the rest of the afternoon there's no one there.

KF: Okay, access on Desert View, okay. Thank you. Yes ma'am.

[female audience inaudible]

KF: Okay, another, another question on some _____ that came over, walked up with a man and walked up to the crater on their own, straight up to the hole area. Okay, I'll ... okay, so, thank you 'cause it sounds like we have real issues with access so I'm glad that the Captain has heard first hand on that and thank you for, that's, we've got to have that secure. Now we'll take a couple more questions and then I want folks, particularly red and yellow tags the ability to ask their questions individually. I will remind folks of my council phone number 236-6622. Come up to the area, we'll have a table up there, the police is up there, as information comes out you can always come there and we can get it out to you as quickly as we can and I d want to make sure that if you are particularly yellow or red tag come over here, make sure we have your cell phone please so we can get a hold of you. One last question was about mail. Who knows about post office and mail delivery? Tom, yeah,

My experience is the quickest way to get that done as far as mail is go to your post office so you can talk to your handler and then have that mail diverted for pick up because they won't have the normal access up there either. Yeah, put a hold, right.

Barre

KF: the mail person is aware. Okay, now, okay, fill one of those... yes sir. Could we have a quiet room just real quick guys we're going to get in one last question and then let the folks the opportunity to talk directly, yes sir.

[male audience inaudible]

KF: Okay Ladies and gentleman, thank you for coming, thank you everybody for your patience. We're going to be out there again today, we're going to be out there Sunday, we'll be out there next week. Come on up if you have individual questions and information and please make sure we're getting your cell phones. Thank you.

[audience noise]